

REMARKS

As a preliminary matter, Applicants have cancelled all of the rejected claims herein, and rewritten claim 7, which the Examiner has acknowledged to contain allowable subject matter, in independent form. There are no remaining issues for this Application to be placed in immediate condition for allowance.

By this amendment, Applicants do not concede that the rejection of the cancelled claims was at all proper, nor have Applicants necessarily surrendered any of the scope of the subject matter from these claims. Applicants are merely expediting the issuance of one allowable claim. Applicants reserve the right to continue to prosecute the cancelled claims in a Continuation Application. The Examiner's Supervisor has already acknowledged that the outstanding rejections are weak, and are unlikely to be upheld by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences.

For all of the foregoing reasons, Applicants submit that this Application, including claim 7, is in condition for allowance, which is respectfully requested. The Examiner should contact the undersigned attorney should any further issues arise related to patentability.

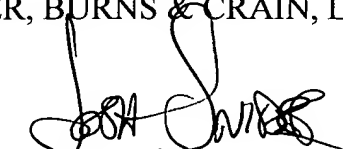
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